

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Katherine Wiseman Walker of Tullahoma upon being named "Mrs. Democrat of 2006" by the Highland Rim Democrats.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to commend those individuals whose energy and enthusiasm bring vigor and excitement to the political process of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Wiseman Walker is one such dedicated local political activist, who, throughout her life, has embraced the political process through her recognition of the necessity of citizen involvement and her own personal participation; and

WHEREAS, with her nomination as "Mrs. Democrat," Katherine Wiseman Walker follows in her mother's footsteps; her mother, the late Mrs. Vera Poe Wiseman Simmons, was named the first "Mrs. Democrat" in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker describes herself as, "born a Democrat, married a Democrat, and still proud to be a Democrat." She has never missed an opportunity to vote and has been a poll worker for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Wiseman Walker attended Tullahoma City Schools and graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville; she worked for Delta Airlines and at Arnold Engineering Development Center before joining her family's insurance business; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of the Highland Rim Democratic Club as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution, which she has served several times as treasurer, Ms. Walker is also active at the South Jackson Civic Center, having served as the first chairman of the museum committee and as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Katherine Wiseman Walker is appreciative of the love and companionship she shared with her husband, the late Jack D.

Walker, and she is the proud parent of Mary Katherine "Kathy" Rieder, Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Elam, Harriet Walker, and Sally Derington; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and is treasurer of Lutheran Church Women; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is an important part of her community, serving the Democratic Party and the people of Coffee County in numerous capacities; she is an active, enthusiastic, and highly respected member of the Tullahoma and Coffee County communities; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Wiseman Walker's sterling record of unstinting dedication and support of her party and community are worthy of commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Katherine Wiseman Walker upon being named "Mrs. Democrat of 2006" by the Highland Rim Democratic club, thank her for her commitment to a vital political life for all Tennesseans, and wish her every success in the all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.